

REMARKS

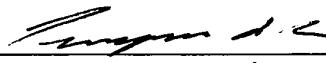
In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the subject matter of allowed Claims 20 and 21 has been incorporated into Claims 8 and 9 respectively. Accordingly, Claims 20 and 21 have been canceled.

Claims 10-13 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. Specifically speaking, the Examiner points out that it has been stated that a critical part of the present invention is that the connecting material contained from 6-90% by weight of a microparticulate elastomer product selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, isoprene rubber, butadiene rubber, styrene/butadiene rubber, chloroprene rubber and acrylonitrile/butadiene rubber having an average particle size of from 30-300 nm. The Examiner points out that Claims 10-13 fail to recite an average particle size of from 30-300 nm. Applicants wish to point out that Claims 10-13 are dependent on Claims 8 and 9 and thereby inherently contain this limitation. Furthermore, Claims 10 and 11 limit the average particle size of the microparticulate elastomer to 50-200 nm. Since the 50-200 nm range is contained within the average particle size range of from 30-300 nm and is supported by the originally filed specification as shown in the last paragraph on page 7 of the "clean" copy of the substitute specification, these claims are clearly enabled. Moreover, Claims 12 and 13 are directed to the particle size of the electroconductive particles and not the microparticulate elastomer product. This range is also clearly recited in the originally filed specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 10-13 meet the requirements of 35 USC 112.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application now is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that there are any outstanding matters left to be resolved in the

present application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in order that they may be dealt with.

Respectfully submitted,


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